

REMARKS

The paper is in response to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2008 ("the Office Action"). Claims 1-7 and 21-30 are cancelled. Claims 8-15 remain pending.

Allowed Subject Matter

The Office Action acknowledges that claims 8-15 are directed to allowable subject matter. Applicants thank Examiner for the careful review and allowance of those claims. Applicants agree with Examiner that claims 8-15 are patentable, but respectfully disagree with Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance as set forth in the Office Action. Applicants submit that patentability resides in the claim as a whole and not to any particular element of the claims. Therefore, Applicants do not concede that the reasons for allowable subject matter given by the Examiner are the only reasons that make, or would make, the claims allowable and do not make any admission or concession concerning the Examiner's statement in the Office Action.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Office Action rejected claims 1-7, 21-28, and 30-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,530,838 (*Ha*) in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0036428 (*Aasland*). The Office Action rejected claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0054856 (*Glover*).

Claims 1-7 and 16-31 have been cancelled by this response, rendering the rejections moot. Applicants do not admit or concede the Examiner's arguments and statements set forth in the Office Action with respect to the art cited in the Office Action and/or the claims rejected under § 103. Applicants expressly reserve the right to present claims identical or similar to these claims in a subsequent application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the pending claims are allowable. In the event that Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview or overcome by an Examiner's Amendment, Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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